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Dear Professor Pauling,

We are planning a special issue of NATURE on April 19 1974 to mark the 21st anniversary of the Watson and Crick paper on DNA. This will be called 'Molecular Biology comes of age' - despite the recent legal changes in that age! We are aiming for about 30 pages describing the subject from early in the century to the present day. The issue is intended for the general readership of NATURE rather than the molecular biologists and a (perhaps unattainable) aim would be that those who read the section in its entirety would be able in the future to read molecular biology papers in NATURE with some understanding of the subject.

I am writing to invite you to contribute to the special issue. I do not wish to constrain authors too much in their choice of subject matter, but I would be particularly pleased if you were able to write on the structural roots of the subject, particularly the developments of the early and mid-50s.

The article should be about 2500 words in length and would have to be here at the latest by March 15 1974, but preferably by the beginning of March. We pay a modest fee.

I very much hope you will be able to contribute and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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